

Today's News - July 26, 2005

Never mind Freedom Tower...now we (might) have Fordham Tower: Several takes on Calatrava's towering plan in Chicago: "ripples"; "iffy"; facing a "briar patch" of challenges, but "would get city in touch with its feminine side." – Towering plans in Moscow would be Europe's tallest building, but not violate the city's "vertical integrity" (which, according to the architect, the city never had in the first place). – An Australian marine and freshwater research facility is as "green" as it gets: a record-breaking six-star rating for environmentally sustainable design. – Soon to come: Cradle to Cradle "green" stamp of approval for furnishings. – Saving Montreal's historic grain elevators "one of the most exciting waterfront projects to open up in Canada in decades." – Australian pavilion at the Venice Biennale is "an embarrassment." – New Urbanism to lighten a campus originally designed for "functionality rather than frills." – An ode to Brooklyn by a "cheerleader for future-forward architecture" (and a resident). – Seattle's festival of "fairy-tale castles for a fantasy suburb" as viewed by archeologists in the future not such a pretty picture - instead of a Street of Dreams, how about a Street of Reality? – Eisenman once dreamed impossible buildings - now he builds them. – Q&A with ADPSR architect Sperry.

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[In Chicago, Plans for a High-Rise Raise Interest and Post-9/11 Security Concerns: At about 2,000 feet tall, the Fordham Spire would be the tallest building in the U.S. – Santiago Calatrava \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Tallest tower to twist rivals: Trump blasts iffy edifice that would put his in shadow...115-story tower with a steel spire that could soar higher than 2,000 feet...tapering glass facade would ripple like folds of drapery. By Blair Kamin and Thomas A. Corfman – Santiago Calatrava \[images\]](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Tower would get city in touch with its feminine side: Symbolically speaking, we're a metropolis of satyrs. But if his proposed Fordham Spire manages to clear the regulatory, political and financial briar patch...Calatrava will bring something startlingly new to the Chicago skyline: a feminine mystique. By Kevin Nance](#)- Chicago Sun-Times

[Chicago: Fear of Heights? Some Experts Fret That Plans To Build Tallest U.S. Tower Will Pop Real Estate Market -- Santiago Calatrava](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Moskva-City Architect Bridging Past, Future: ...doesn't think his design for Europe's tallest building \[430-meter Federation Tower\] will violate Moscow's vertical integrity. As far as he's concerned, the city never had any in the first place. -- Sergei Tchoban/Peter Schweger \[images\]](#)- Moscow Times (Russia)

[Queenscliff's rising star: Australia's first six-star eco-rated building is setting new standards -- Lyons \[image\]](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Furnishings soon to get the stamp of eco-approval: ...some of the first companies to submit products for Cradle to Cradle testing are contract furniture manufacturers...Herman Miller; Steelcase and Haworth -- McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Saving a little heritage on Montreal's waterfront: Massive grain elevators...Le Corbusier considered one of the world's greatest examples of modern architecture...This is one of the most exciting waterfront projects to open up in Canada in decades. Our best architects should get cracking.](#)- Toronto Star

[Shame about the shed: The Australian pavilion at the Venice Biennale is sorely out of place...tacky little backyard garden shed...is an embarrassment. By Norman Day -- Philip Cox \(1988\)](#)- The Age (Australia)

[A Softer Look for a Dark Campus: The original design for the 34-year-old \[SUNY College at Purchase\]...was drawn with an eye toward functionality rather than frills -- Edward Larrabee Barnes; Johnson Burgee; Gwathmey Siegel; Paul Rudolph; Gunnar Birkerts; Architects Collaborative \(1970s\); Einhorn Yaffee Prescott](#)- New York Times

[Oh Brooklyn, My Brooklyn: It's not so easy being a cheerleader for future-forward architecture when the future is right outside your window. By Karrie Jacobs](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[The annual Seattle Street of Dreams is rich in meaning about 21st-century life: ...fairy-tale castles for a fantasy suburb, bristling with trendy indulgences but not revolutionary design ideas...Here's a challenge...](#)- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

[The Eisenman Principle: Peter Eisenman made his name dreaming up impossible buildings. Now he gets to build them. \[images\]](#)- Cornell Alumni Magazine

[Q&A: Sperry-Go-Round: Green architect Raphael Sperry -- Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility \(ADPSR\)](#)- Grist Magazine

[Rethinking Form and Function: Swarthmore College Unified Science Center becomes an intellectual and social magnet for an entire campus. -- Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Helfand Architecture \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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-- Under construction: Raimund Abraham: JingYa Ocean Entertainment Center, Beijing, China
-- Randall Stout: Art Museum of Western Virginia, Roanoke, Virginia

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